Safety Standards on Roads

111. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a recent study by the Central Research Institute (CRI), New Delhi, India tops the world with an annual road traffic fatalities of 60,000 and secondly Motorised two and three wheelers which constitute more than two thirds of the vehicular traffic are found to be five times more dangerous and deaths are increasing at the rate of 20% per year; and

(b) what are the steps being taken by the Transport Department to increase the safety standards on roads?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) As per provisional figures available about 69,000 people were killed during 1995. The fatalities figures of other countries of the world are not available. This Ministry has not commissioned any study either with regard to the comparission of deaths on Indian roads with other countries or about motorised two and three wheelers being more dangerous.

(b) The Government is taking a number of measures to inclucate road safety consciousness among the people through various publicity measures. Different types of road safety equipments have been supplied to the State Governments to reduce road accidents and a national Highway Patrolling Scheme has been introduced to provide emergency medical assistance to accident victims and to remove damaged vehicles from the National Highways. Besides, periodical instructions/guidelines are issued to the State Government for taking effective measures to reduce road accidents and for strict implementation of various provisions of Motor Vehicles act. The primary responsibility to take measures to reduce road accidents lies with the State Governments who are vested with necessary enforcement powers.

Patterns of Goods Mobility in Big Cities

112. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to study the patterns of goods mobility in big cities.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKETRAMAN): (a) to (c) M/s. RITES have been entrusted with a comprehensive study of Road Traffic Flow in the Country by this Ministry. The terms of reference of the study are annexed as Statement.

Statement

(a) To establish the movement of passengers and freight by Road by various modes like cars, buses, trucks etc.

(b) To project the demand for Road Transport freight and passenger movement for the years 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015.

(c) To assess the demand for vehicles of various categories to meet the projected demands.

(d) To assess the need for augmenting the infrastructural facilities.

(e) To assess the future demand for energy for the Road Transport Sector and

(f) To analyse the relative role of Road and Rail Transport.

बनाओ, संचालित करो और हस्तांतरित करो के आधार संबंधी नीति

113. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सही है कि सरकार ने देश में सड़कों के विस्तार के लिये निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी को प्रोत्साहन